GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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AYUSH SYSTEM OF MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether adequate funds have been made available for the Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) system of medicines in the country;

(b) if so, the funds allocated and spent for the AYUSH system of medicines separately during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) the details of the activities undertaken/proposed by the Government for the promotion, development and research in the AYUSH system of medicines in the country;

(d) whether certain countries have shown interest in promoting AYUSH system of medicines and requested the Government to help in establishing AYUSH institutions in their countries and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed by the Government to promote AYUSH system of medicines internationally?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY HEATH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. SANTOSH CHOWDHARY)

(a) & (b): By and large adequate funds have been made available for the Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) system of medicines in the country. The Budget Estimate (BE), Revised Estimate (RE) and Actual Expenditure (AE) for the AYUSH System of medicines, separately during each of the last three years and the current year are as under:-

Rs. (in crores)

YEAR	BE	RE	AE
2010-11	800.00	888.00	848.90
2011-12	900.00	650.00	611.47
2012-13	990.00	670.00	580.27
2013-14 (Upto 23.08.2013)	1069.00	##	197.00

The system wise statement on funds allocation and spent for the last three years and current year may be seen at Annexure-I

(c): Details of the activities undertaken/proposed by the Government for the promotion, development and research in the AYUSH system of medicines in the country is given at Annexure-II.

(d): Many countries have evinced interest in promoting AYUSH systems of medicine for their people. A specific request has been received from the Sri Lankan Government seeking support to establish Homoeopathy college in Sri Lanka.

(e): Promotion of AYUSH systems of medicine globally is one of the mandates of the Department of AYUSH. Under the Central Sector Scheme of International Cooperation, different activities have been undertaken by the Department such as International exchange of experts; Support for organizing international conferences, seminars, workshops, conduct of market surveys & studies; setting up

AYUSH promotive windows/ kiosks/electronic networking facilities; Establishment of AYUSH information Cells/ Health Centres in Indian Embassies/ Missions to disseminate authentic information about AYUSH abroad; grant of AYUSH Fellowship to foreign nationals for undertaking AYUSH courses at premier institutions in India, establishing Ayurveda and Unani Chairs etc.